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Introduction

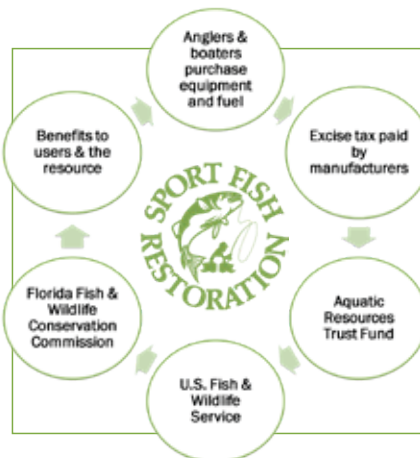
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- Jan. 24–26, 2020: Jacksonville Boat Show
- Feb. 6–17, 2020: Florida State Fair, Tampa
- Feb. 14–16, 2020: Big Boy Toyz, Punta Gorda
- March 14–15, 2020: Florida Sportsman Expo, Ft. Myers
- March 20–23, 2020: News Channel 8 Outdoor Expo and Boat Show, Tampa
- July 14–17, 2020: ICAST, Orlando

2020 Commission meeting dates and locations

Subject to change due to availability of appropriate facilities to hold the meeting.

- February 19–20, 2020
- May 13–14, 2020
- July 22–23, 2020
- October 7–8, 2020
- December 16–17, 2020

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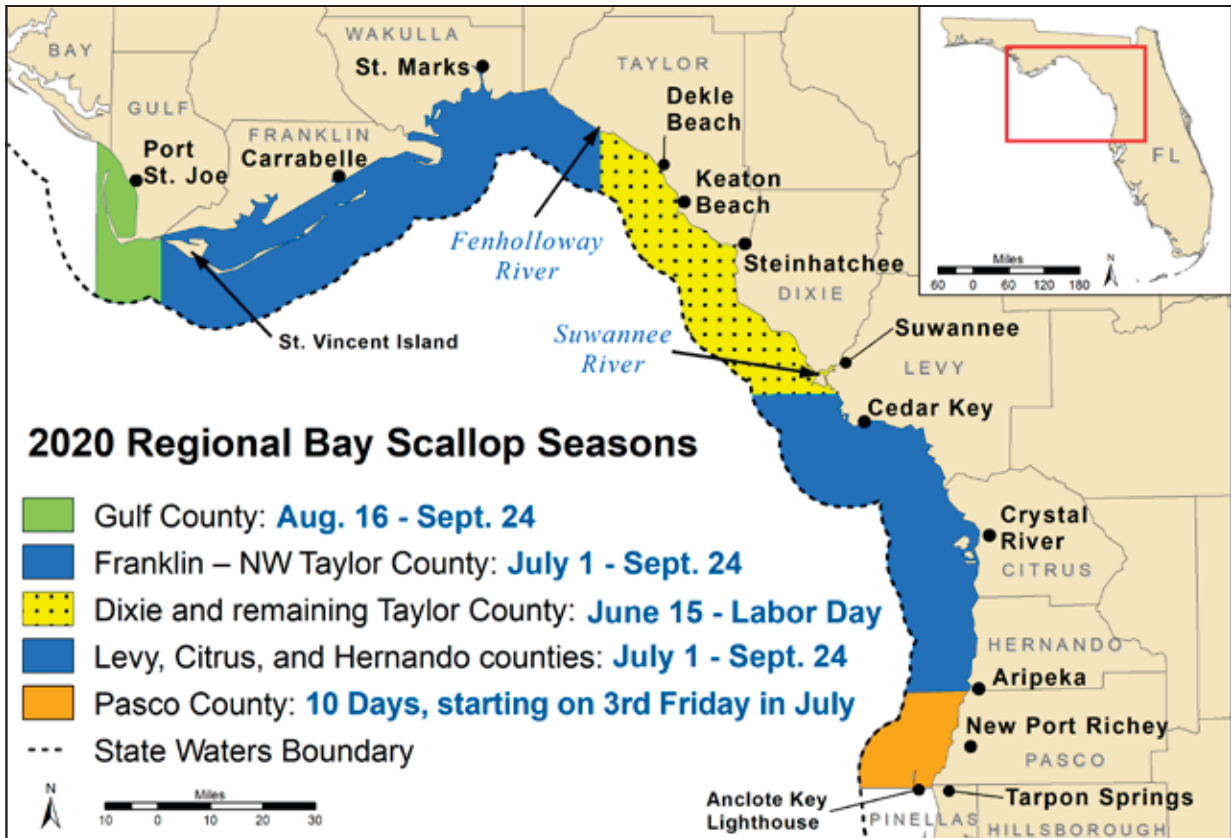

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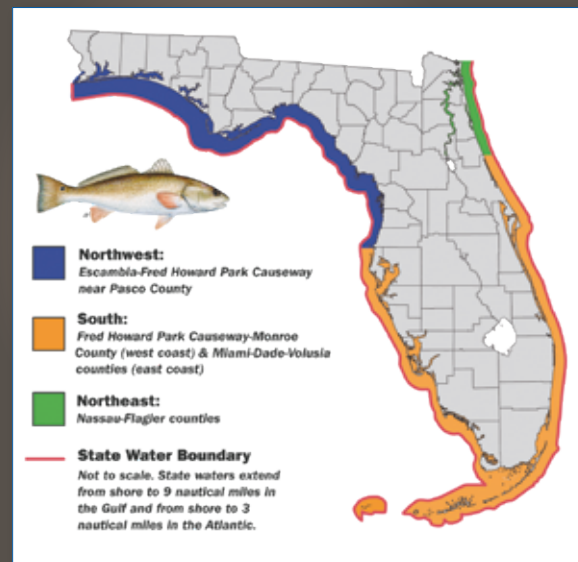
Know Your Management Zones

For most species, Florida's recreational bag limits apply to all state waters off Florida, which extend out to 3 nautical miles on the Atlantic and out to 9 nautical miles on the Gulf. The following maps provide information regarding two species that have specific management zones where bag limits or rules vary by region. Great barracuda (map not included) also has a new bag limit of two fish per person and six per vessel that applies within all state and federal waters off Collier, Monroe, Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach and Martin counties. Barracuda is not specifically regulated in other areas.

See the link below for management zones on gag grouper, hogfish, snook, permit and weakfish.
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Red Drum Management Zones

For red drum, there are three management zones. The daily bag limit is one fish in the northwest and south zones and two fish in the northeast zone.



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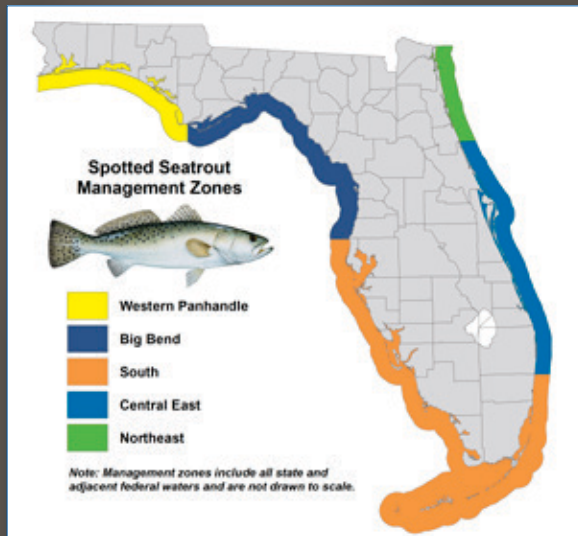
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Spotted Seatrout Management Zones

Spotted seatrout has five management zones and the recreational bag limit is three fish in the western panhandle region, five fish in the big bend region, three fish in the the south region, two fish in the central east region and five fish in the northeast region.

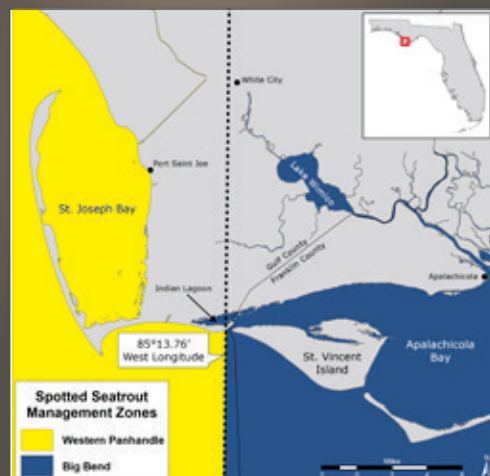


Seatrout Boundaries



Creating two new zones by splitting the Northwest spotted seatrout management zone into the: (See maps below.)

- Western Panhandle (Escambia County through the portions of Gulf County west of longitude 85 degrees, 13.76 minutes but NOT including Indian Pass/Indian Lagoon).
- Big Bend (remaining portion of Gulf County plus Indian Lagoon, and Franklin County through Fred Howard Park Causeway in Pinellas County).



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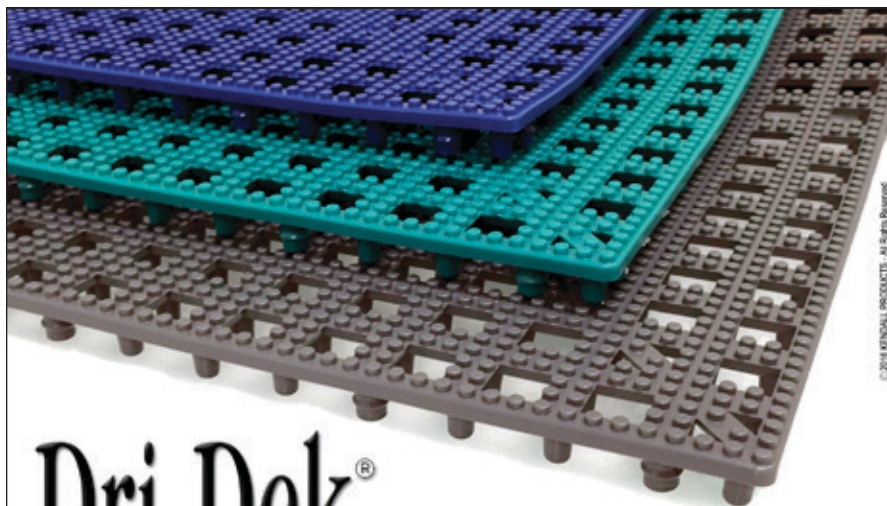
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FWC celebrates the 2019 Lionfish Challenge

The FWC is excited to announce that the Lionfish Challenge removal incentive program has continued to grow in its fourth year with solid diver participation and lionfish removals. A total of 148 recreational and commercial harvesters removed thousands of lionfish from Florida waters during the four-month Challenge that started on Lionfish Removal and Awareness Day (May 18, 2019) and ended on Labor Day (Sept. 2, 2019). Through a variety of initiatives, including the Lionfish Challenge, FWC has tracked the removal of over 689,000 lionfish from Florida waters since 2014.

Lionfish Challenge Recreational Category

	NAME	NUMBER OF LIONFISH CAUGHT
1st place Lionfish King	Ken Ayers	1,194
2nd place	John McCain	983
3rd place	Shea Lowe	942

Lionfish Challenge Commercial Category

	NAME	NUMBER OF LIONFISH CAUGHT
1st place Commercial Champion	Josh Livingston	3,192.8 lbs.
2nd place	Ron Surrency	1,720 lbs.
3rd place	Alex Fogg	1,210.5 lbs.



Recreational Lionfish King, Ken Ayers



Commercial Champion, Josh Livingston (left)

The 2019 Lionfish Challenge recreational Lionfish King is Ken Ayers of Bay County. Ayers earned this designation after harvesting a total of 1,194 lionfish. Ayers has participated in the Challenge since its inception and was the recreational Lionfish King in 2017.

This year's Commercial Champion is Josh Livingston of Okaloosa County. Livingston harvested a total of 3,192.8 pounds of lionfish (poundage equates to about 3,520.2 fish). Livingston targets lionfish and other reef fish species commercially out of Destin on the vessel *Dreadknot*.

Ayers and Livingston were each presented with a custom-made glass lionfish trophy from Driftwood Galleries, an HP 100 SCUBA cylinder, and a \$500 gift card for SCUBA tank air refills.

The 2019 Challenge also included a new largest and smallest lionfish category. Participants could submit lionfish to regional FWC offices for entry. The three largest and three smallest lionfish submitted by the conclusion of the Lionfish Challenge were awarded cash prizes donated by generous sponsors. First place for large or small received \$3,000, 2nd place received \$1,500, and 3rd place received \$500. Twenty divers across the state submitted 30 lionfish for the largest and smallest category.

The largest lionfish submitted was 433 mm by Ron Surrency, 2nd largest 420 mm by Josh Livingston, and 3rd largest 414 mm by Koa Viravong. The smallest lionfish submitted was 37 mm by Nikki Cox, 2nd smallest 45 mm by Ken Ayers, and 3rd smallest 52 mm by Alex Fogg.

A special thanks to the 50 dive shops that served as checkpoints for recreational submissions and for the generous donations from our program sponsors: American Sportfishing Association, Marine Industries Association of Palm Beach County, National Marine Manufacturer's Association, Yamaha Motors, Florida Underwater Sports, Toothless Life, Lionator Pole Spear, Neritic, and Stream2sea, Zoo-keeper, Customatic Optics, and Engle.

To learn more about the Challenge, including dates for next year's event, and to see a full list of participants and prize winners, visit FWCReefRangers.com. For questions, email Lionfish@MyFWC.com

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Regulations apply to state waters of the Gulf and Atlantic

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Reef Fish

Snapper

General Snapper Regulations:

- **Snapper Aggregate Bag Limit** - Within state waters of the Atlantic and Gulf, all species of snapper are included in a 10 fish per harvester per day aggregate bag limit in any combination of snapper species, unless stated otherwise.
- **Seasons** - If no seasonal information is provided, the species is open year-round.



Snapper, Cubera ▲◆◆

Minimum Size Limits:

- Atlantic and Gulf - 12" (see remarks)

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- Atlantic and Gulf - 10 per harvester under 30", included within snapper aggregate bag limit
- May additionally harvest up to 2 per harvester or vessel-whichever is less-over 30", and these 2 fish over 30" are **not** included within snapper aggregate bag limit



Snapper, Red ▲◆●X

Minimum Size Limits:

- Atlantic - 20"
- Gulf - 16"

Season:

- Atlantic - Open year-round
- **Gulf - 2020 season TBD, see MyFWC.com for updates**

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- Atlantic and Gulf - 2 per harvester
- Gulf - Zero daily bag and possession limit for captain and crew on for-hire vessels.



Snapper, Vermilion ▲◆●X

Minimum Size Limits:

- Atlantic - 12"
- Gulf - 10"

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- Atlantic - 5 per harvester **not** included within snapper aggregate bag limit
- Gulf - 10 per harvester **not** included within snapper aggregate bag limit



Snapper, Lane ▲◆◆

Minimum Size Limits:

- Atlantic and Gulf - 8"

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- Atlantic - 10 per harvester
- Gulf - 100 pounds per harvester, **not** included within snapper aggregate bag limit

Other Snapper ▲◆◆

Minimum Size Limits:

- Atlantic and Gulf - 12"

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- Atlantic and Gulf - 10 per harvester

Remarks

- Includes: Dog, Mahogany, and Yellowtail
- **No minimum size limit for Blackfin, Queen, and Silk**



Snapper, Gray (Mangrove) ▲◆◆

Minimum Size Limits:

- Atlantic and Gulf - 10"

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- Atlantic and Gulf - 5 per harvester



Snapper, Mutton ▲◆◆

Minimum Size Limits:

- Atlantic and Gulf - 18"

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- Atlantic and Gulf - 5 per harvester



Snapper, Schoolmaster ▲◆◆

Minimum Size Limits:

- Atlantic and Gulf - 10"

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- Atlantic and Gulf - 10 per harvester



Snapper, Black & Wenchman ▲◆◆

Minimum Size Limits:

- Atlantic and Gulf - None

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- Atlantic and Gulf - 10 per harvester

Grouper

Atlantic Grouper

General Regulations:

- Atlantic grouper regulations apply to all state waters of the Atlantic and all state waters off Monroe County (Gulf and Atlantic sides).
- **Atlantic Grouper Aggregate Bag Limit** - all species of grouper plus golden tilefish in the Atlantic are included in a 3 fish per harvester per day aggregate bag limit in any combination of grouper/golden tilefish species.
- **Seasons** - If no seasonal information is provided, the species is open year-round.

Gulf Grouper

General Regulations:

- Gulf grouper regulations apply to all state waters of the Gulf except off Monroe County (where Atlantic rules apply).
- **Gulf Grouper Aggregate Bag Limit** - all species of grouper in the Gulf are included in a 4 fish per harvester per day aggregate bag limit in any combination of grouper species.
- **Seasons** - If no seasonal information is provided, the species is open year-round.

* Zero bag limit for captain and crew of for-hire vessels applies to gag, black, and red grouper only.



Grouper, Black ▲◆●X

Minimum Size Limits:

- Atlantic - 24"
- Gulf - 24"

Season:

- Atlantic - Closed Jan. 1-April 30
- Gulf - Open year-round

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- Atlantic - 1 per harvester. Only 1 fish can be gag or black
- Gulf - 4 per harvester*



Grouper, Scamp ▲◆◆

Minimum Size Limits:

- Atlantic - 20"
- Gulf - 16"

Season:

- Atlantic - Closed Jan. 1-April 30
- Gulf - Open year-round

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- Atlantic - 3 per harvester
- Gulf - 4 per harvester



Grouper, Snowy ▲◆◆

Minimum Size Limit:

- Atlantic and Gulf - None

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- Atlantic - 1 per harvester
- Gulf - 4 per harvester



Gag Grouper ▲◆◆X

Minimum Size Limits:

- Atlantic - 24"
- Gulf - 24"

Season:

- Atlantic - Closed: Jan. 1-April 30
- Gulf - State waters off Franklin, Wakulla, Jefferson and Taylor counties: Open April 1-June 30, & Sept 1-Dec. 31.
- Gulf - State waters off all other counties: Open June 1-Dec. 31

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- Atlantic - 1 per harvester. Only 1 fish can be gag or black
- Gulf - 2 per harvester*



Grouper, Red ▲◆●X

Minimum Size Limits:

- Atlantic and Gulf - 20"

Season:

- Atlantic - Closed Jan. 1-April 30
- Gulf - Open year-round

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- Atlantic - 3 per harvester
- Gulf - 2 per Harvester*



Grouper, Warsaw & Speckled Hind ▲◆◆

Minimum Size Limits:

- Atlantic and Gulf - None

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- Atlantic and Gulf - 1 per vessel per day of each species



Grouper, Yellowfin & Yellowmouth ▲◆◆

Minimum Size Limits:

- Atlantic and Gulf - 20"

Season:

- Atlantic - Closed Jan. 1-April 30
- Gulf - Open year-round

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- Atlantic - 3 per harvester
- Gulf - 4 per harvester

Other Grouper ▲◆◆

Other Grouper includes:

- Rock Hind, Red Hind, Coney and Graysby

Minimum Size Limit:

- Atlantic and Gulf - None

Season:

- Atlantic - Closed Jan. 1-April 30
- Gulf - Open year-round

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- Aggregate bag limits apply

Reef Fish

Other Reef Fish (If no season information is provided, the species is open year-round)



Amberjack, Greater ▲●X

Minimum Size Limits:

- Atlantic - 28" fork length
- Gulf - 34" fork length

Season:

- Atlantic - Open year-round
- Gulf - Open May 1-May 31, Aug. 1-Oct. 31

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- Atlantic and Gulf - 1 per harvester



Red Porgy ▲◆◆

Minimum Size Limits:

- Atlantic - 14"
- Gulf - None

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- Atlantic - 3 per harvester
- Gulf - 100 pounds



Great Barracuda ■

Regulations only apply in Collier, Monroe, Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach, and Martin counties.

Minimum Size Limits:

- Not less than 15" or more than 36"

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- 2 per person or 6 per vessel
- May possess one over 36" per vessel.
- Unregulated in all other areas.



Tilefish, Golden ▲●

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- Atlantic - 1 per harvester
- Gulf - 4 per harvester

Remarks

- Golden tilefish included within Atlantic and Gulf Grouper aggregate bag limits



Hogfish ▲●

Atlantic regulations apply to Monroe county

Minimum Size Limits:

- Atlantic - 16" fork length
- Gulf - 14" fork length

Season:

- Atlantic - Open May 1-Oct. 31
- Gulf - Open year round

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- Atlantic - 1 per harvester
- Gulf - 5 per harvester



Amberjack, Lesser & Banded Rudderfish ▲●X

Minimum Size Limits:

- Atlantic and Gulf - Cannot be less than 14" or greater than 22" fork length

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- Atlantic and Gulf - 5 per person aggregate of the two species



Triggerfish (Gray) ▲●X

Minimum Size Limits:

- Atlantic - 12" fork length
- Gulf - 15" fork length

Season:

- Atlantic - Open year-round
- Gulf - Open March 1 - May 31 and Aug. 1 - Dec. 31 (early closures possible)

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- Atlantic - 10 per harvester
- Gulf - 1 per harvester



Black Sea Bass ▲◆◆

Minimum Size Limits:

- Atlantic - 13"
- Gulf - 10"

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- Atlantic - 7 per harvester
- Gulf - 100 pounds per harvester

Pelagics



Billfish ▲★

Minimum Size Limits:

- Sailfin 63";
- Blue Marlin 99";
- White Marlin 66";
- Roundscale Spearfish 66"

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- 1 per harvester aggregate bag limit

Remarks

- Measured tip of lower jaw to fork. All landed fish must be reported to NOAA within 24 hours 800-894-5528 or hmspermits.noaa.gov.
- HMS permit required in federal waters.



Wahoo ▲

Minimum Size Limits:

- None

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- 2 per harvester



Blackfin Tuna ▲

Minimum Size Limits:

- No minimum size limit

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- 2 fish per person or 10 fish per vessel per day, whichever is greater.



Cobia (Ling) ▲

Minimum Size Limits:

- 33" fork length

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- Atlantic - 1 per harvester not to exceed 6 per vessel
- Gulf - 1 per harvester, not to exceed 2 per vessel



Mackerel, King ▲

Minimum Size Limits:

- 24" fork length

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- Atlantic (excluding Monroe) - 2 per harvester
- Gulf (including Monroe) - 3 per harvester

Remarks

- Bag limit reduced to 1 in some state waters if federal waters are closed to recreational harvest.



Tripletail ▲★◆■

Minimum Size Limits:

- 18"

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- 2 per harvester

Remarks

- Hook and line only. No snatch hooks.



Mackerel, Spanish ▲

Minimum Size Limits:

- 12" fork length

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- 15 per harvester



Dolphinfish ▲

Minimum Size Limits:

- Atlantic - 20" fork length
- Gulf - None

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- 10 per harvester per day, not to exceed 60 per vessel per day. Vessel limit does not apply to for-hire vessels.



Swordfish ★

Minimum Size Limits:

- 47" lower jaw fork length with head attached or 25" cleithrum to keel length if head removed

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- 1 per harvester per day, not to exceed a maximum of 4 per recreational (not for-hire) vessel or 15 per for-hire vessel

Remarks

- All landed fish must be reported to NOAA within 24 hours 800-894-5528. HMS permit required in federal waters. Zero daily bag and possession limit for captain and crew of for-hire vessels.



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Coastal Species



Bluefish ▲ ■

Minimum Size Limits:

- 12" fork length

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- 10 per harvester



Permit ● ▲ ★ ♠

Size Limits:

- 22" fork Special Permit Zone (SPZ); Not less than 11" or more than 22" fork length all other areas

Closed Season:

- April 1–July 31 SPZ Only

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- 1 per harvester, not to exceed 2 per vessel SPZ;
- 2 per harvester all other state waters

Remarks

- May possess 1 over 22" fork length outside the SPZ, not to exceed 2 over 22" fork per vessel per day. For map of SPZ, please see: MyFWC.com.
- Zero daily bag and possession limit for captain and crew on for-hire vessels



Black Drum ▲ ◆ ♠

Size Limits:

- Not less than 14" or more than 24"

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- 5 per harvester

Remarks

- May possess one over 24". Snatching prohibited.



Flounder ▲ ◆ ♠

Minimum Size Limits:

- 12"

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- 10 per harvester

Remarks

- May be harvested by spearing. Snatching prohibited.



Spotted Seatrout ● ★ ▲ ◆ ♠

Size Limits:

- Not less than 15" or more than 19"
- May not possess more than 1 over 19" per vessel

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- 3 per harvester per day W.P. Zone
- 5 per harvester per day B.B. Zone
- 3 per harvester per day S. Zone
- 2 per harvester per day C.E. Zone
- 5 per harvester per day N.E. Zone

Closed Season:

- Feb. W.P. Zone
- Nov. - Dec. C.E. Zone

Remarks

- See management zone map on pg. 7.
- Zero bag limit for captain and crew of for-hire vessels
- The above regulations take effect Feb. 1, 2020. For current regulations see MyFWC.com
- Catch and release only in SW region still in effect, see MyFWC.com for more information.



Pompano, Florida ▲ ★ ♠

Minimum Size Limits:

- 11" fork length

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- 6 per harvester

Remarks

- Hook and line, cast net and beach or haul seine ONLY.



Bonefish ★ ■

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- 0 per harvester

Remarks

- Catch and release only
- Hook and line only



Weakfish ▲ ★ ◆

Minimum Size Limits:

- Weakfish Management Area (WMA) in Nassau County - 12"
- All other areas - no minimum

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- WMA - 1 per harvester
- All other areas - 100 pounds per harvester

Remarks

- Regulations apply in parts of Nassau County only.
- See map at: MyFWC.com/Fishing/Saltwater/Recreational/Weakfish



Mullet, Striped (Black) & Silver

Minimum Size Limits:

- No minimum size

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- 50 aggregate per harvester;
- Aggregate vessel limits
Feb. 1–Aug. 31: 100 per vessel;
Sept. 1–Jan. 31: 50 per vessel



Pompano, African ● ★ ▲ ♠

Minimum Size Limits:

- 24" fork length

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- 2 per harvester per day, not to exceed 2 per vessel



Snook (All species) ▲ ★ ◆ ♠

Size Limits:

- Not less than 28" or more than 32" Atlantic excluding Monroe
- Not less than 28" or more than 33" Gulf and Monroe County

Closed Season:

- Atlantic (excluding Monroe) closed Dec. 15–Jan. 31 and June 1–Aug. 31.
- Gulf including Monroe County, Dec. 1–end of February, and May 1–Aug. 31.

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- 1 per harvester

Remarks

- Snook permit required for harvest when saltwater license required. See MyFWC.com for snook permit details. Snatch hooks and spearing prohibited.
- Zero daily bag and possession limit for captain and crew on for-hire vessels
- Catch and release only in SW region, see MyFWC.com for more information



Blue Runner ■

Minimum Size Limits:

- No minimum

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- 100 fish per harvester



Sheepshead ● ▲ ◆ ♠

Minimum Size Limits:

- 12"

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- 8 per harvester

Remarks

- Snatching prohibited
- Vessel limit of 50 fish during March and April



Tarpon ● ★ ♠

Recreational Bag Limit:

- 1 per harvester per year. \$50 harvest tag required. Vessel limit of one fish. Harvest tag can only be used when fish is retained for potential IGFA record.

Remarks

- Tarpon over 40 inches must remain in the water during release. Spearing and snatch hooking prohibited. Bottom weighted jigs prohibited in Boca Grande Pass. See: MyFWC.com/Fishing/Saltwater/Recreational/Tarpon for additional information.



Red Drum (Redfish) ▲ ★ ◆ ♠

Size Limits:

- Not less than 18" or more than 27"

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- 2 per harvester per day in the NE zone, and 1 per harvester in the NW and S zone. See map on p. 6
- Off the water possession limit of 6 fish

Remarks

- Giggling, spearing, snatching prohibited. Harvest in Federal waters prohibited.
- Catch and release only in SW region, see MyFWC.com for more information

Can't find your fish in the regulations?

Florida's coastal waters are home to thousands of marine species, and the majority of these species have no specific regulations with regard to bag limits, size limits, gear restrictions or closed seasons. These species are often referred to as "unregulated species," although the name can be a bit misleading. State law provides that for any marine species that does not have specific regulations, harvesting more than 100 pounds or two fish (whichever is the greater amount) constitutes a commercial quantity and requires a commercial license. This means the recreational harvest limit for any unregulated species is 100 pounds or two organisms if the combined weight of the two organisms exceeds 100 pounds.



Gulf Kingfish



Jack Crevalle



Lionfish



Hardhead Catfish

Examples of "unregulated species" include:

Ladyfish, bonito, menhaden, white grunt, southern stingray, gulf kingfish (whiting), pinfish, Atlantic croaker, jack crevalle, cero mackerel, hardhead catfish, gafftopsail catfish, lionfish.

- * No license is required to harvest lionfish by dipnet, pole spear or Hawaiian sling and lionfish bag limit is unlimited for both Gulf and Atlantic state waters.

- ★ Spearing Prohibited

- ▲ Must remain in whole condition (removal of gills and guts allowed).

- ◆ Measured as total length. Total length is the straight line distance from the most forward part of the head with the mouth closed to the farthest tip of the tail with the tail compressed or squeezed together while the fish is lying on its side.

- State regulations apply in federal waters.

- Additional gear rules apply, please see: MyFWC.com

- ♠ Harvest prohibited by or with the use of any multiple hook (any hook with two or more points and a common shaft) in conjunction with live or dead natural bait.

- ✗ Gulf reef fish survey required when fishing for selected reef species from a private vessel in the Gulf of Mexico.

Crustaceans and Mollusks

Bay Scallops



Season:

- Gulf County: Aug. 16–Sept. 24
- Franklin-NW Taylor County: July 1–Sept. 24, 2020
- Dixie and remaining Taylor County: June 15–Labor Day
- Levy, Citrus and Hernando counties: July 1–Sept. 24
- Pasco County: 10 days starting on 3rd Friday in July

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- 2 gallons whole or 1 pint meat per harvester; no more than 10 gallons whole, or ½ gallon meat per vessel anytime
- Dixie and remaining Taylor County: From June 15–30, one gallon whole/one cup meat per person or five gallons whole/two pints meat per vessel, whichever is less

Remarks

- Harvest allowed only in state waters of the Gulf of Mexico from the Pinellas - Pasco county line, to the west bank of the Mexico Beach Canal in Bay County. Direct transit through closed areas permitted.

Shrimp



Closed Season:

- April & May closed in Nassau, Duval, St. Johns, Putnam, Flagler & Clay counties

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- 5 gallons heads on per harvester or vessel, whichever is less

Remarks

- Visit: MyFWC.com/Fishing and select "Saltwater", "Regulations" and "Shrimp" for additional regulations specific to Dade, Nassau and Duval

Spiny Lobster



Minimum Size Limit:

- Carapace must be greater than 3" measured in the water

Seasons:

- Sport Season open July 29–30, 2020
- Regular Season opens Aug. 6 through March 31

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- Sport Season: 6 per harvester per day in Monroe County and Biscayne National Park, 12 in all other harvest areas.
- Regular Season: 6 per harvester in all areas

Remarks

- Recreational trapping prohibited. Spiny lobster permit required when license required. Harvest of egg-bearing females prohibited.

Clams (Hard)



Minimum Size Limits:

- 1" thick across hinge

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- One 5 gal. bucket per harvester or 2 per vessel (whole in shell)

Remarks

- Illegal to harvest from closed areas.
- Go to www.FloridaAquaculture.com for allowable harvesting areas.
- May not harvest half hour after official sunset until half hour before official sunrise.

Crab, Stone



Minimum Size Limits:

- 2¾" claw

Closed Season:

- May 16–Oct. 14

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- 1 gal. claws per harvester or 2 gal. per vessel, whichever is less

Remarks

- 5 traps maximum. Visit MyFWC.com for statewide trap construction requirements and specific requirements that apply in Miami-Dade, Monroe and Collier. Illegal to possess whole crab. Harvest of egg-bearing crabs prohibited. See how to properly de-claw on our website. **New trap registration requirements, see MyFWC.com to register.**

Crab, Blue



Closed Season:

- Regional trap closures apply. See map on page 6 or visit MyFWC.com for 2020 trap closure dates and locations.

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- 10 gallons whole per harvester

Remarks

- 5 traps maximum. Trap requirements apply. Harvest of egg-bearing crabs prohibited. **New trap registration requirements, see MyFWC.com to register.**

Oysters



Minimum Size Limit:

- 3"

Closed Season:

- June, July, Aug. in Dixie, Wakulla, Levy counties.
- July, Aug., Sept. in all other areas except Apalachicola Bay which has open areas year-round.

Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- 2 bags per harvester or vessel except Apalachicola Bay

Remarks

- **Apalachicola Bay: special bag limits and other harvest restrictions apply. See MyFWC.com for detailed information.**
- Apalachicola Bay has summer & winter seasons/areas.
- Harvest from approved shellfish areas during daylight hours only.
- Go to FloridaAquaculture.com to determine the Open or Closed status of shellfish harvesting areas.
- May not harvest half hour after official sunset until half hour before official sunrise.
- 1 Bag = 60 lbs. or two 5 gal. buckets (whole in shell)
- Harvest prohibited in any harvest area that is in the Closed status as determined by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.
- Bay County: Harvest and possession prohibited in West Bay Estuarine Habitat Restoration Project Zone

Sharks

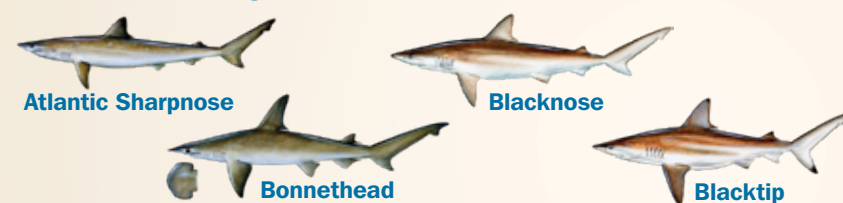
Retainable Sharks with a 54" fork length minimum ▲ ★ †

Blue, oceanic whitetip, porbeagle, shortfin mako (not illustrated).



Retainable Sharks with no minimum size limit ▲ ★ †

Finetooth, Smooth Dogfish, Florida Smoothhounds (not illustrated).



Retainable Sharks with a 83" fork length minimum



Daily Recreational Bag Limit:

- 1 per harvester or 2 per vessel per day, whichever is less.

Remarks

- The retainable sharks are managed as a group for bag limit purposes. In other words, you can only harvest one shark per day and the shark that you harvest must be one of the retainable species.
- Hook-and-line gear only.
- **Effective July 1, 2019. New shoreline shark fishing permit and new gear/handling requirements, see MyFWC.com**
- See list of prohibited species below.

Prohibited Species

It is unlawful to harvest, possess, land, purchase, sell or exchange the following species:

Goliath Grouper (Jewfish), Nassau Grouper, Sawfish, Atlantic Angel Shark, Basking Shark, Bigeye Sand Tiger Shark, Bigeye Sixgill Shark, Bigeye Thresher Shark, Bignose Shark, Caribbean Reef Shark, Caribbean Sharpnose Shark, Dusky Shark, Galapagos Shark, Lemon Shark, Longfin Mako Shark, Narrowtooth Shark, Night Shark, Silky Shark, Sand Tiger Shark, Sandbar Shark, Sevengill Shark, Sixgill Shark, Smalltail Shark, Spiny Dogfish, Whale Shark, White Shark, Tiger Shark, Greater, Scalloped and Smooth Hammerhead Shark, Manta Ray, Devil Ray, Spotted Eagle Ray, Longbill Spearfish, Mediterranean Spearfish, Sturgeon, Queen Conch, Calico Scallop, Stony, Hard, Black and Fire Corals, Sea Fans, Bahama Starfish, and Longspine Urchin. Harvest of live rock in state waters is prohibited. Puffer fish harvest is prohibited in Volusia, Brevard, Indian River, St. Lucie and Martin counties.

Marine life regulations

Requirements for marine life (aquarium species) harvest:

- Recreational saltwater fishing license
- Organisms must be landed and kept alive
- A continuously circulating live well, aeration or oxygenation system of adequate size to maintain these organisms in a healthy condition
- **Allowable Gear:** hand-held net, drop net, rod, barrier net, slurp gun (use of quinaldine is prohibited)*
- **Bag Limit:** 20 organisms per person per day; only 5 of any one species allowed within the 20-organism bag limit
- **Possession Limit:** 2-day possession limit, 40 total organisms, no more than 10 of any one species allowed
- **Allowable substrate:** see species specifications in table
- **Closed areas:** Some closed areas exist**
- Sale of recreationally caught marine life organisms is prohibited
- Regulations also apply in federal waters

* Some organisms have additional gear limitations, see chart.

** Various closed areas exist. See regulations for Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary, Everglades National Park, Biscayne National Park and Florida's State Parks before collecting in these areas.

Additional rules apply to the collection of shells containing live organisms in Lee or Manatee counties.



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Marine Life — Fish

SPECIES	REMARKS ¹	SIZE LIMITS (total length unless otherwise noted)
Angelfish	No more than 5 per person per day in any combination	Gray, French Angelfish: 1½–8" slot limit Blue, Queen Angelfish: 1¾–8" slot limit Rock Beauty: 2–5" slot limit
Butterflyfish		1–4" slot limit
Filefish/Triggerfish	Except Unicorn Filefish, Gray Triggerfish and Ocean Triggerfish	
Gobies		Maximum size limit: 2"
Hamlets/Seabasses	Except reef fish ² and Longtail Bass	
Jawfish		Maximum size limit: 4"
Parrotfish		Maximum size limit: 12"
Porkfish		Minimum size limit: 1½"
Pufferfish, Burrfish, Balloonfish, Porcupinefish	Includes Sharpnose Pufferfish, Striped Burrfish, Spotted Burrfish, Balloonfish, Porcupinefish	
Tangs and Surgeonfish		Maximum size limit (fork length): 9"
Wrasse/Hogfish/Razorfish	Except Hogfish Snapper	Spanish Hogfish: 2–8" slot limit Cuban Hogfish: 3–8" slot limit

Other Marine Life fish include¹: Basslets, Batfish, Blackbar Soldierfish, Blennies, Brotulas (Black and Key), Cardinalfish, Clingfish, Cometfish, Damselfish, Eels (Moray and Snake), Frogfish, Hawkfish, High-hat/Jackknife-fish/Spotted Drum/Cubbyu, Pipefish, Reef Croakers, Seahorses, Sleepers, Yellow Stingray, Sweepers, Toadfish, Trumpetfish and Trunkfish/Cowfish.

Marine Life — Invertebrates

SPECIES	REMARKS ¹
Anemones	Corallimorphs and Zoanthids: No more than 5 polyps of each may be landed per person per day, must be harvested with a flexible blade no wider than 2". Corallimorphs must be harvested as single polyps only. Zero bag limit on Giant Anemone (<i>Condylactis gigantea</i>).
Conch, Queen	Harvest prohibited
Corals: Hard, stony, fire & black	Harvest prohibited
Octocorals	No more than 6 octocoral colonies per person per day in any combination; harvest of attached substrate within 1" of base is permitted; harvest closes when quota met.
Crab, Hermit	Except Land Hermit Crabs
Crab, Horseshoe	Harvest prohibited
Live Rock	Harvest prohibited
Octopods ³	Except Common Octopus
Sea Fans	Harvest of Venus Sea Fan and Common (Purple) Sea Fan prohibited
Siphonophores/Hydroids	Harvest of Fire Coral prohibited
Sponges	Except Sheepswool, Yellow, Grass, Glove, Finger, Wire, Reef and Velvet Sponges; no more than 5 sponges per harvester per day in any combination; harvest of substrate within 1" of base permitted north and west of the southernmost point of Egmont Key, no substrate allowed south of Egmont Key
Starfish ³	Harvest of Bahama Starfish (Cushion Sea Star) prohibited
Urchins ³	Except Sand Dollars & Sea Biscuits; harvest of Longspine Urchin prohibited

Other Marine Life invertebrates include¹: Brittlestars³, Decorator (Furcate Spider) Crab, False Arrow Crab, Green Clinging (Emerald) Crab, Nimble Spray (Urchin) Crab, Red Mithrax Crab, Red-Ridged Clinging Crab, Spotted Porcelain Crab, Yellowline Arrow Crab, Fileclams³, Upside-down Jellyfish, Nudibranchs/Sea Slugs³, Sea Cucumbers³, Sea Lilies, Cleaner/Peppermint Shrimp, Coral Shrimp, Snapping Shrimp, Nassarius Snails³, Starsnails³, Featherduster Worms and Calcareous Tube Worms.

Marine Life — Plants

SPECIES	LIMITS
Algae, Coralline Red	
Caulerpa	One gallon of tropical ornamental marine plants per day in any combination; 2 gallon maximum possession limit
Halimeda/Mermaid's Fan/Mermaid's Shaving Brush	

- 1—Unless otherwise noted, combined bag limit of 20 marine life fish and invertebrates per person per day, only 5 of any one species allowed. A 2-day possession limit also applies (40 total organisms, only 10 of any one species).
- 2—Such as groupers, snappers, seabass and amberjacks. Must abide by regulations for these species on pages 10–11.
- 3—Bag limit of 2 live shell fish of any single species per harvester per day in Manatee County. Harvest prohibited in Lee County.

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New Artificial Reef Locations

Florida manages one of the most diverse, and most active artificial reef programs in the United States. As of November 2019, the FWC Artificial Reef Program has recorded over 3,659 artificial reef deployment locations state-wide. Between March 2019 and November 2019, 96 new artificial reefs were constructed, and the locations from a subset of those new reefs are listed in the table below. To download a complete list of Florida's artificial reef locations in a variety of digital formats, view an interactive map, and learn more about Florida's artificial reef program please visit MyFWC.com/ArtificialReefs

Artificial Reef Highlights

DeployID	County	Deploy Date	Deployment Name	Material	Tons	Relief	Depth	Lat (DM)	Long (DM)
BA0468	Bay	5/3/19	El Dorado	144' aluminum vessel	216	41	103	29° 58.568' N	85° 50.487' W
BA0469	Bay	5/21/19	MB-251	10 tetrahedron modules	118	15	77	29° 55.404' N	85° 40.201' W
BA0474	Bay	7/5/19	Bay County LAARS A Modules	17 tetrahedron & dome-shaped modules	143	18	105	29° 59.898' N	85° 54.211' W
BE0068	Brevard	7/16/19	Cary Kresge Reef	23 tetrahedron modules	69	8	80	28° 23.575' N	80° 18.250' W
DA0241	Miami-Dade	6/3/19	Bug Light Shoal Reef	Concrete culverts & limestone boulders	300	7	24	25° 40.774' N	80° 06.767' W
ES0628	Escambia	3/6/19	PensBayBr004	Concrete square pilings	339	8	45	30° 17.780' N	87° 13.380' W
ES0629	Escambia	6/12/19	ESERS 305d	30 dome-shaped modules	75	6	87	30° 10.993' N	87° 12.015' W
HE0026	Hernando	4/29/19	Ghost Ship	45' concrete boat hull & 33 dome modules	24	10	25	28° 31.819' N	82° 58.745' W
IR0016	Indian River	7/19/19	JK Patch Reef South	Secondary-use concrete	650	10	55	27° 49.962' N	80° 21.207' W
IR0017	Indian River	7/17/19	JK Patch Reef North	10 tetrahedron modules	30	8	55	27° 50.053' N	80° 21.286' W
LE0124	Lee	6/6/19	The Mount	Secondary-use concrete	1,095	20	60	26° 24.721' N	82° 24.747' W
MI0114	Martin	6/10/19	Sirotkin Site 1	Secondary-use concrete	501	7	87	27° 12.377' N	80° 02.350' W
MI0115	Martin	6/20/19	Sirotkin Site 2	Secondary-use concrete	518	3	86	27° 12.322' N	80° 02.334' W
OK0277	Okaloosa	7/17/19	Fish Haven 15	12 tetrahedron modules	240	16	67	30° 21.891' N	86° 42.374' W
OK0278	Okaloosa	6/5/19	Fish Haven 19 Center	29 tetrahedron & ledge modules	103	15	60	30° 22.394' N	86° 35.870' W
PB0106	Palm Beach	7/3/19	ARHF Juno Reef	Limestone boulders & 284 modules	1,517	12	78	26° 52.967' N	80° 01.837' W
PB0107	Palm Beach	8/21/19	RBM	Concrete poles & 19 mermaid statues	129	10	45	26° 45.250' N	80° 01.636' W
PI0438	Pinellas	4/24/19	CLW Barge	50' steel barge	50	15	40	27° 55.934' N	83° 01.382' W
PI0439	Pinellas	7/19/19	Circle of Heroes Veterans' Mem.	13 concrete soldier statues	40	6	44	28° 03.117' N	83° 00.650' W
SL0060	St. Lucie	7/10/19	CCA - Curtis Bostick Reef	180' steel freighter "Voici Bernadette"	589	40	102	27° 23.868' N	80° 02.966' W
SR0030	Santa Rosa	1/30/19	SR-27 Patch Reef 10	25 tetrahedron & ledge modules	73	16	60	30° 21.670' N	86° 50.751' W
SR0037	Santa Rosa	1/8/19	SR-27 Patch Reef 19	25 tetrahedron & ledge modules	68	16	63	30° 21.458' N	86° 51.367' W
ST0200	Sarasota	8/13/19	On Eternal Patrol Memorial Reef	61 dome-shaped modules	61	4	43	27° 15.795' N	82° 45.505' W
WL0039	Walton	6/27/19	2019 Miramar/Frangista	5 tetrahedron & ledge modules	24	15	59	30° 19.670' N	86° 22.990' W
WL0040	Walton	6/27/19	2019 Underwater Art Museum	11 art sculptures	14	12	59	30° 18.754' N	86° 09.562' W

New Recreational Stone Crab/Blue Crab Trap Registration

The FWC recently approved new rules that will require recreational fishers age 16 and older who intend to use stone crab or blue crab traps in the next year to complete an online recreational trap registration. This no-cost registration will allow FWC to collect important information about these recreational fisheries needed for future stock assessments and management decisions.

Completion of the recreational stone crab trap registration was required for the 2019 stone crab season, which opened Oct. 15. The recreational blue crab trap registration will be required starting Jan. 1, 2020.

To register, each recreational harvester will need to visit the FWC licensing system at GoOutdoorsFlorida.com and add the Recreational Stone Crab Trap Registration or the Recreational Blue Crab Trap Registration to their fishing license account. Recreational harvesters who are age 16 or older and are otherwise exempt from needing a saltwater fishing license will still be required to complete the no-cost online trap registration.

Upon completion, each person will receive unique trap identification numbers that must be included on each trap along with the owner's full name and address. Stone crab trap identification numbers will begin with the letter "S"; blue crab trap registration numbers will begin with the letter "B." This information must be legible and must be permanently attached to each trap.

When marking traps, it is important to use materials that will withstand being submerged in saltwater. For example, engraved metal or plastic pet tags and laminated cards are much better options than a piece of plastic that has been marked with permanent ink or paint.

Both the stone crab and blue crab recreational trap registrations were made available online before the start of the 2019 stone crab season.



New Shark Regulations

If you fish for sharks from shore or from a boat, heads up, several new regulations that will impact you.

FWC approved changes earlier this year after months of collecting public input and working with stakeholders. The updates are intended to increase survival of released sharks, improve information gathering for the shore-based fishery and address some of the public safety concerns related to the fishery.

Fishing for sharks from shore? You need the permit.

Adult anglers fishing for shark from shore must take an online educational shore-based shark fishing course AND have a no-cost, shore-based shark fishing permit (renew annually). This permit will be associated with your recreational fishing license if you are required to have one. Fishing for sharks from a vessel does not require the additional permit.

This requirement is for all adult anglers that require a license (as well as those over the age of 65 who are normally exempt from needing a license) targeting or harvesting sharks from shore, including from any structure attached to shore such as jetties, bridges and piers. The permit is also required if fishing **from shore for any species** under the following circumstances:

- Fishing with a metal leader more than 4 feet long,
- Using a fighting belt/harness, or
- Deploying bait by any means other than casting (kayaking for example) while using a hook that is 1 ½ inches or larger at the widest inside distance.

Those 16 and younger fishing for sharks from shore or as otherwise described above are not required to obtain the permit but will be required to take the online educational course unless they are fishing with an adult who already holds the permit.

When chumming for shark or other species...

Chumming is prohibited when fishing for any species (not just sharks) from the beach.

What if I catch a prohibited shark species?

Whether fishing from shore, or from a boat, prohibited species must remain in the water. When fishing from shore, prohibited sharks must be released immediately. Hook removal or cutting the hook or leader must be completed as quickly as possible to prevent delaying release of prohibited species.

What kind of gear do I use when fishing for sharks?

When fishing from shore or vessel, non-offset, non-stainless-steel circle hooks must be used when fishing for sharks with live or dead natural bait. The new rules also require that you be in possession of a device capable of quickly cutting your hook or leader (bolt cutters or cable cutters for example).

Learn more about the online education course and how to get the permit, see a list of prohibited sharks, and more at MyFWC.com/Marine by clicking on "Recreational Regulations" and "Sharks."

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Recreational gear

Additional regional gear restrictions may apply in your county. For further clarification, contact the local regional offices listed on page 23.

Reef fish gear rules

(applies to species marked with ● on pages 10-11)

- **Gulf of Mexico:** These regulations require the use of a dehooking device when recreationally fishing for reef fish in the Gulf of Mexico. All persons aboard a vessel harvesting reef fish must possess and use non-stainless steel non-offset circle hooks when using natural baits.
- **Atlantic Ocean:** Recreational and commercial fishers are required to use dehooking devices as needed while fishing for reef fish.

These rules apply to all members of the reef fish complex including groupers, snappers, amberjacks, red porgy, gray triggerfish, black sea bass, golden tilefish, banded rudderfish, speckled hind and others. For a complete species list, please visit MyFWC.com.

Hook-and-line gear

Hook-and-line anglers must tend their gear at all times to prevent people, marine life and shore life from becoming entangled in the line or injured by the hook. Also, it is against the law to intentionally discard any monofilament netting or line into or onto state waters. Monofilament line can entangle birds, marine mammals, marine turtles and fish, often injuring or killing them. Trot lines with 10 or fewer hooks are considered hook-and-line gear and must be tended at all times while deployed. Species identified with "T" on pages 10 through 13 cannot be harvested with multi-hooks (single hook with two or more points) in conjunction with natural baits.

Nets

The following types of nets may be used for recreational purposes in Florida waters:

- Bully nets (for lobster only) no greater than 3 feet in diameter and not made of monofilament.
- Frame nets and push nets (for shrimp only) no greater than 16 feet in perimeter and not made of monofilament. Frame nets cannot be used in state waters off Dade County.
- Hand-held landing or dip nets no greater than 96 inches in perimeter.
- Cast nets measuring 14 feet or less stretched length (stretched length is defined as the distance from the horn at the center of the net with the net gathered and pulled taut, to the lead line).
- Beach or haul seines measuring no larger than 500 square feet of mesh area, no larger than 2 inches stretched mesh size, not constructed of monofilament, and legibly marked at both ends with the harvester's name and address if a Florida resident. Non-residents using beach or haul seines for recreational purposes are required to have a commercial saltwater products license and legibly mark the seine at both ends with the harvester's saltwater products license number.
- Cast nets and seines may be used as harvesting gear for the following species only: black drum, bluefish, cobia, flounder, mullet, Florida pompano, red drum, sheepshead, shrimp, Spanish mackerel, weakfish and unregulated species (see p. 12).
- No more than two nets can be fished from any vessel and no more than one net can be fished by any person not on a vessel.

Explosives, etc.

The use of powerheads, explosives, chemicals or the discharge of firearms to kill or harvest marine life is prohibited in state waters.

Spearing

Spearing is a general term that includes bow fishing, gigging, spearfishing (underwater), or the use of any other device to capture a fish by piercing its body. Spearing does not include snagging or snatch hooking by hook and line. Marine species harvested by spearing are subject to the same recreational regulations (e.g., bag limits, size limits, and closed seasons) as those marine species that are harvested by any other type of recreationally-allowed gear. The following is a list of species or groups of species that are prohibited from harvest by all forms of spearing in state waters:

- All prohibited species (listed on p. 10-13)
- Billfish (all species)
- Bonefish
- Crab (blue, stone)
- Caribbean spiny lobster (*Panulirus argus*)
- Goliath grouper
- Manta ray
- Nassau grouper
- Permit
- Pompano (Florida and African)
- Red drum
- Sharks (all species including dogfish)
- Snook
- Spotted eagle ray
- Spotted seatrout
- Sturgeon
- Tarpon
- Tripletail
- Weakfish
- Marine life species (listed on p. 14)

* Volusia County — You may not harvest by spearing in Volusia County inland waters with the exception of flounder and sheepshead, and only by the use of a barbed spear with three or fewer prongs.

* Special Local Laws also prohibit harvest by spearing in specific areas (Visit MyFWC.com/ Fishing and select "Saltwater," "Recreational Regulations," "Full Text Rule by Species" and "Local Laws.")



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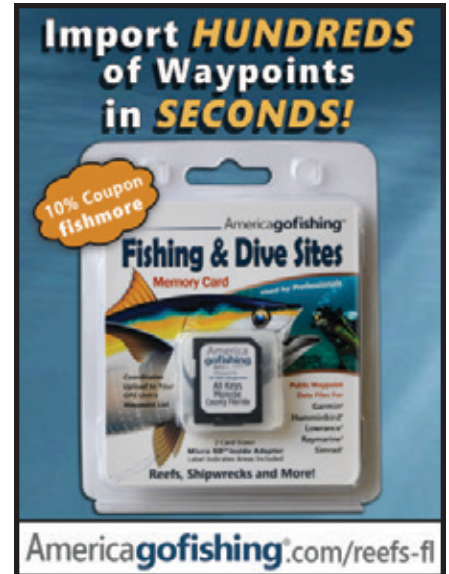
- For any species that cannot be harvested by spearing (see Spearing above).
- For any species (freshwater or marine) in freshwater. Possession of spearfishing equipment in or on freshwater is also prohibited.
- Within the upper Keys no-spearfishing zone, which includes all state waters from the Miami-Dade County line down to and including Long Key.
- Within 100 yards of any designated public bathing beaches, commercial or public fishing piers, or portions of bridges where fishing is allowed.
- Within 100 feet of the unsubmerged portion of any jetty, except that spearing is allowed along the last 500 yards of any jetty that extends more than 1,500 yards from the shoreline.
- In or on any body of water under the jurisdiction of the Division of Recreation and Parks of the Department of Environmental Protection. Within these areas, the possession of spearfishing equipment is also prohibited except when such equipment is

un-loaded and is properly stored upon watercraft passing nonstop through the area.

- Within the no-take areas of the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary (Visit: www.floridakeys.noaa.gov.)
- Within any area where spearfishing is prohibited by a Special Local Law (Visit MyFWC.com/Fishing and select "Saltwater," "Recreational Regulations," "Full Text Rule by Species" and "Local Laws.")

Powerheads, Bangsticks, Rebreathers

Harvest with the use of powerheads, bangsticks or rebreathers is prohibited in state waters, except that rebreathers are allowed for the harvest of lionfish. Within state waters, powerheads and bangsticks can be used for personal protection only, and cannot be used to harvest any species.




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Madison and Robert Campbell with a snook.

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Chris D. Perry
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John Malone
John J. Jenkins
Lewis Raymond Lowry IV
Matthew Stephen Batchelor
Rado Gazo
Tristan Alan Hill

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Alex Fogg
Andrew Scott Harellson
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Avera R. Williams

Billy Norris
Blake Fish
Boyd Johnson
Brittany Eatman
Charles E. Bird
Chris Lorentz
Dan Goetz
Daniel Parobok
Daniel Morgan
Daniel Jones
David Black
Delanie Bae Goldring
Devin F. Kestner
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Easton Gage Thompson
Ed Sibal

Edward Stepensky
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Steve Wilkins
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Thomas Ruggles
Travis Roy Williams
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Tyler Nims
Tyler Mell
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Tier 1 – 3 Different Grand Slams:

Ethan Sonnenberg
Jim Thirkill

Bay and Estuary:

Ethan Sonnenberg
Jim Thirkill
Nichol Mignanelli

Family:

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Anthony Carta
Brittany Guynn
Caleb M. Harper
Callie Jones
Chris D. Perry
Christopher Leonard Gorman
Clark Georgiades
Clifton Gagliano (9)
Cooper Lane Goldring
Dale C. Melms
Daniel Morgan
Daniel James Jones
Dean Durik
Drew Serraes
Dustin A. Vance (2)
Ernesto Plasencia
Ethan Sonnenberg
George Saridakis
Greg G. Borries, Jr.

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James W. Booth
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Jim Breen
Jim Thirkill (2)
John Georgiades (3)
John H. Dobbins (3)
John J. Jenkins
John McCarthy
Jonathon Luke Huff
Josh Divine
Ken Lai
Kenneth W. Murphy
Kevin Carter
Kevin Council
Loi T. Tran
Lynda M. Butler
Matthew Raymond Fowler
Matthew Stephen Batchelor (2)
Mir Ali
Olivia C. North-Menthonnex
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Robert Shane Oldham
Rylan Larkin
Sally Sandburg
Sam Damon Giroux
Samuel T. Phillips
Sean C. Wray
Sean T. Wilms
Seth Taylor

Shannon L. Avera
Shawn Burke
Steve Wilkins
Taylor Burrell
Thomas Carl Wisser
Timothy Taylor Mathews
Wayne Moore
Yovani Duque

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Ariel Rodriguez
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Brittany Guynn
Bryce P. Duffy (3)
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Curtis M. Bozeman (2)
Dale C. Melms (3)
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Shawn Layton
Spencer G. Brogden
Stephen Stubbs (12)
Steve Wilkins
Steven Damian Self
Steven Trollinger
Thomas Ruggles
Woody Waggoner

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Jim Thirkill

Small Fry:

James Nolan Corvin
Lucy Cox
Marley K. Larkin (2)
Rylan J. Larkin (2)
Sam D. Giroux

Saltwater Reel Big Fish Club

Tier 1 – 5 Different**Species:**

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Katlyn M. Paul

African Pompano:

Alex Fogg

Black Drum:

William Monroe Preston

Cobia:

Alex Fogg
Ed C. Ellett
Randy Harrington
Robert Grundwald

Crevalle Jack:

Jeremy D. Kuhl

Flounder:

Alexander M. Krenn
Steven Damian Self
Stuart Ding

Gag:

Alex Fogg

Gray (Mangrove) Snapper:

Alex Fogg
Clint F. Taylor

Gray Triggerfish:

Barrett Fine
Matthew Stephen Batchelor (2)

Tyler Nims

Greater Amberjack:

Alex Fogg

Hogfish:

Alex Fogg

Ladyfish:

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Dalton L. Avera
Dennis Triana
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Mason Estes

Mutton Snapper:

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Samuel Parker Lucktong

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Jorge Gonzalez
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Alex Fogg

Red Porgy:

Jordan Araiza

Sheepshead:

Steven Damian Self

Snook:

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Caden Gage Seagraves
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Steven Damian Self
Thomas Grauer, Jr
Travis Reed Anderson (2)
Zachary Tyler Annett

Tripletail:

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Catching up with the latest release recommendations

Whether you're fishing for harvest, or just for sport, chances are you're going to need to release a fish. Properly releasing any fish that you do not intend to keep increases the chance of survival to help maintain and improve your Florida fish populations. Check out these tips to give your fish a fighting chance upon release.

Things to Know:

- Be aware of the area you will be fishing and local fish you might catch.
- Know the regulations for your target species and make sure that you have all the proper gear.
- Determine ahead of time which fish you want to keep. This will help get released fish back in the water quickly.

Gear to Grab:

- **Circle hooks** — studies have shown that the hook you use is one of the most important factors in release survival. Circle hooks are 90% more likely to hook a fish in the mouth reducing risk of serious injury and getting the fish back in the water faster. Use barbless non-stainless steel circle hooks for an even better release.

- **Dehooking tool** — Allows for a quick release while minimizing injuries and handling time.
- **Correct weight tackle** — Using the right sized lures, hooks and tackle are important to hooking fish properly and reeling them in quickly. Tackle that is too small can be swallowed more easily and is more likely to gut hook. It can also take longer to reel fish in leaving them exhausted and less able to avoid predators upon release.
- **Knotless, rubber-coated net** — These support the weight of the fish while removing a minimal amount of slime and scales, reducing the risk of infection.
- **Gripping devices** can be effective for controlling and handling fish, especially ones with sharp teeth. Grip behind the lower lip and support the weight of the fish in a horizontal position.

Taking Action:

- Make sure to reel the fish in as quickly as possible. Playing the fish too much can result in an exhausted fish that cannot avoid predators once released.
- If the fish has swallowed the hook, **cut the line as close to the hook as possible**. Studies have shown that a key factor in the survival of gut hooked fish was leaving the hook in place. Fish are often able to shed the hook on their own and you can do more damage

by attempting to remove the hook.

- If possible, **keep the fish in the water** while removing the hook and taking photos.
- Never hold a fish by the gills or eyes.
- Avoid removing large fish like tarpon and sharks from water.
- **Return the fish to the water as quickly as possible**. One of the major factors in the survival of a released fish is how much time it spends out of the water. The more fish that survive upon release today, then more fish will be available to catch tomorrow.
- **Revive fish** that do not swim away immediately or appear lethargic:
 - » Place fish in the water head first — it is easiest to hold one hand on the bottom lip or tail and one hand under the belly of the fish.
 - » Move the fish forward in the water — this allows the water to be flow through the mouth and over the gills. The fish must face the direction of water flow.
 - » Use a figure-8 motion to move the fish forward constantly, ensuring water continues to flow over the gills. Never jerk fish back and forth, since this action prevents water from properly flowing through the gills.
- For fish caught in deep water with signs of barotrauma, **use a descending device to return fish to depth or vent the fish** by inserting a sharpened, hollow tube at a 45-degree angle, one inch behind the base of the pectoral fin.

Ensure Fish Survive to Help Populations Thrive!

The steps you take on the water today can help positively impact the future of your Florida fish populations! To learn more about proper catch-and-release techniques, visit MyFWC.com/FishHandling.



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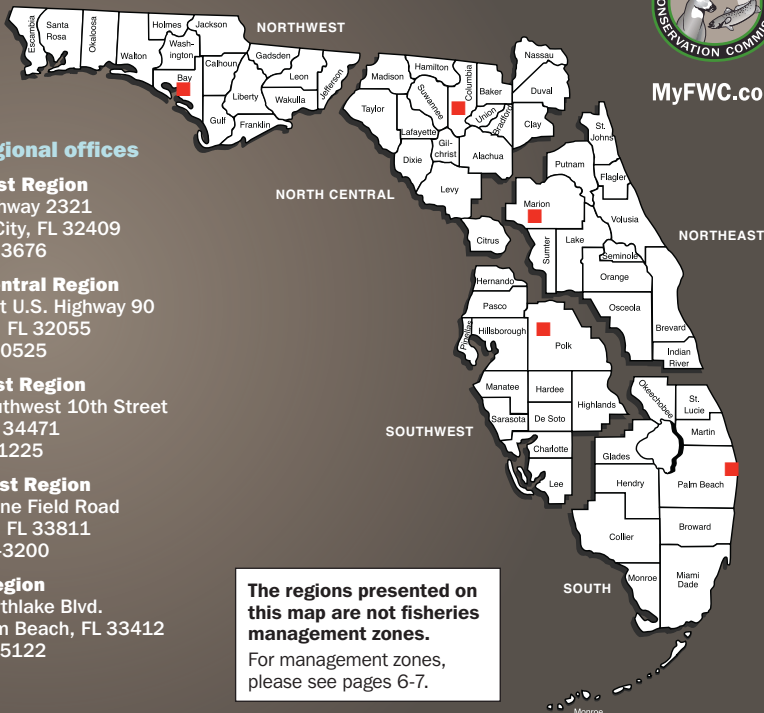
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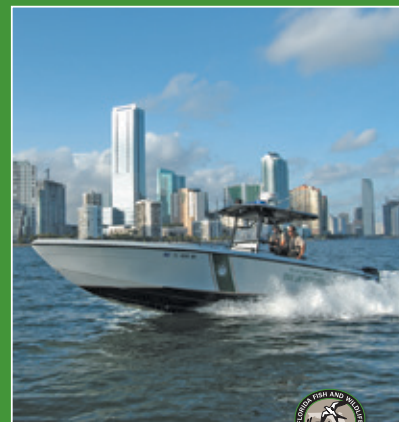
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Five-Year Saltwater License	\$79.00
Annual Saltwater Shoreline License	\$0.00

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Seven-day License	\$30.00
Annual License	\$47.00

Saltwater permits – residents and non-residents

Annual Snook Permit	\$10.00
Five-Year Snook Permit (Florida residents only)	\$50.00
Annual Spiny Lobster Permit	\$5.00
Five-Year Spiny Lobster Permit (Florida residents only)	\$25.00
Tarpon Tag (available only at tax collector offices)	\$51.50

Unless exempt from license requirements, permits are necessary for the take of Snook and Spiny Lobster. Tarpon tags required to land tarpon.

Information for additional saltwater permits and designations

Gulf Reef Fish Angler Designation – for anglers fishing for reef fish in Gulf state waters. No exemptions except youth under age 16.	\$0.00
NEW! Annual Shore-Based Shark Fishing Permit – see page 17	\$0.00
NEW! Annual Blue Crab Trap Registration – see page 5	\$0.00
NEW! Annual Stone Crab Trap Registration – see page 5	\$0.00

These new no-cost permits are available online only at GoOutdoorsFlorida.com. Youth under age 16 are exempt. No other exemptions apply.

Florida resident combination licenses

Annual Saltwater and Freshwater Fishing	\$32.50
Annual Saltwater and Freshwater Fishing and Hunting	\$48.00

Gold Sportsman's Licenses

Includes Saltwater and Freshwater Fishing and Hunting licenses and Snook, Spiny Lobster, Management Area, Archery, Crossbow, Muzzleloading, Deer, Turkey and Waterfowl permits.

Annual Gold Sportsman's License	\$100.00
Five-Year Gold Sportsman's License	\$494.00
Youth Gold Sportsman's License — valid until 17th birthday	\$100.00
Annual Military Gold Sportsman's License	\$20.00

Includes the same licenses and permits as the Gold Sportsman's License. Available for Florida residents who are active duty or retired military members of the U.S. Armed Forces, Armed Forces Reserve, Florida National Guard, Coast Guard or Coast Guard Reserve at county tax collectors' offices with current military identification card or at GoOutdoorsFlorida.com through an online verification process.

Florida Resident Lifetime Saltwater Fishing licenses

Includes Saltwater Fishing license and Snook and Spiny Lobster permits

Age: 0–4	\$126.50
Age: 5–12	\$226.50
Age: 13 or older	\$301.50

Florida Resident Lifetime Gold Sportsman's licenses

Includes Saltwater and Freshwater Fishing and Hunting licenses and Snook, Spiny Lobster, Management Area, Archery, Crossbow, Muzzleloading, Deer, Turkey and Waterfowl permits.

Age: 0–4	\$401.50
Age: 5–12	\$701.50
Age: 13 or older	\$1,001.50

Saltwater fishing in Florida – what to know before you go:

Saltwater fishing licenses can be obtained online at GoOutdoorsFlorida.com, at county tax collectors' offices and license agents, or by calling toll-free 888-FISH-FLORIDA (347-4356). All sales are final. Handling fees apply for telephone and Internet sales. For more information on recreational licensing information, visit MyFWC.com/License.

For purposes of saltwater fishing in Florida, a resident is defined as:

- Any person who has declared Florida as his or her only state of residence as evidenced by a valid Florida driver license or identification card with both a Florida address and a Florida residency verified by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (HSMV). A Florida voter registration card, declaration of domicile, or homestead exemption may also be used as proof of Florida residency.
- Active duty United States military personnel stationed in Florida, including spouses and dependent children residing in the household, with military orders.

Saltwater license exemptions:

- Youth under 16 years of age.
- Florida resident age 65 or older with proof of age and residency, such as a Florida driver's license or identification card.
- Florida resident fishing within his or her county of residence with live or natural bait, using poles or lines not equipped with a fishing line retrieval mechanism.
- Florida Resident Persons with Disabilities Hunting and Fishing License holder. Information at MyFWC.com/ADA.
- Florida resident accepted as a client for developmental disabilities services by the Agency for Persons with Disabilities, with agency proof thereof.
- Florida resident saltwater fishing from land or a structure fixed to land who has been determined eligible for the food stamp, temporary cash assistance, or Medicaid Program by the Department of Children and Family Services. Must have proof of identification and a benefit issuance or program identification card issued by the Agency for Persons with Disabilities or the Agency for Health Care when fishing.
- U.S. Armed Forces members who is a Florida resident not stationed in the state but home on leave with orders for 30 days or less. Does not include family members.
- Individual commercial saltwater products license holders.

- Those recreationally fishing from a pier that has a pier saltwater fishing license.
- Fishing from a for-hire vessel (including guide, charter, party boat) that has a valid charter boat or charter captain license.
- Fishing from a boat that has a recreational vessel fishing license.
- A Florida resident who is fishing for mullet in freshwater with a valid Florida freshwater fishing license.

More saltwater fishing licenses – available at Tax Collectors' office:

Charter Boat and Charter Captain licenses are available and required to carry paying customers (where a fee is paid directly or indirectly) to take, attempt to take, or possess saltwater fish or organisms. Guides must comply with U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) requirements.

- Four or fewer customers \$201.50
- Five to ten customers \$401.50
- Eleven or more customers \$801.50

Recreational Vessel licenses are available for not-for-hire pleasure crafts that are registered recreationally for a fee of \$2,001.50.

Pier licenses are available for \$501.50 annually and exempt persons fishing from a pier fixed to land from saltwater fishing requirements.

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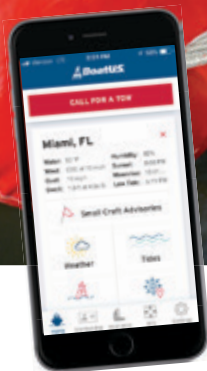
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